already covered under the various Acts of the country like IPC are not specifically being covered under the IT Act.

Decline in the wireline phones

911. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cost of installation and servicing of wireline phone is very expensive as compared to other Mobile, Fixed Wireless Phones (FWPs);

(b) if so, the details of cost of installation, servicing and income from a wireline phone *vis-a-vis* a Mobile/FWP/WLL phone;

(c) whether there has been a sharp decline of wireline phones during the last one year as compared to other phones; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) the installation cost of wireline is around Rs. 26000/- per line while that of Wireless in Local Loop Phone is around Rs. 9000/- and that of mobile phone (excluding cost of Handset) is around 5500/-. The operational expenditure per line month for basic services has been reportedas Rs. 621.25 while for cellular services, the corresponding figure is Rs. 205/-. The average revenue for basic services by BSNL is reported to be Rs. 704.00 per line per month while corresponding figures for post paid mobile services has been reported as Rs. 668.89 and that for prepaid services as Rs. 360.71.

(c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (BSNL) have reported surrender of wireline phones.

(d) According to the available information 32.02 lakhs lines in BSNL and 1.92 lakhs lines in MTNL have been surrendered in the current financial year till 31st October, 2005.